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**UME PREP BRINGS ON NEW SUPERINTENDENT AS  
THEY PREPARE FOR CONTINUED GROWTH**

**Highly Ranked Texas Charter School, UME Prep, Expands  
Leadership by Hiring New Superintendent**

**DALLAS, TX – September 26, 2017** – UME Prep, a leading charter school in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex, announced today the hiring of a new superintendent.

John Wood comes to UME from Duncanville ISD, where he served as an administrator. During his career as an educator he has served as a high school principal, as program coordinator for Region XIII, and as founding board member of Village Tech Charter Schools.

“My goal as Superintendent is to continue to improve the level of academic excellence, as we maintain and reinforce the strong character traits and core values that will set our graduates apart once they leave UME Prep,” said Superintendent Wood. “I believe that a combination of my business leadership experience, as well as my private school, traditional public school, and charter school leadership experience, will all come into play as we continue to grow the level of excellence at UME Prep, and prepare for orderly and systematic growth in numbers and facilities.”

Wood’s term as Superintendent began at the commencement of the 2017-2018 school year.

The former superintendent, Mike Spurlock, will move to the role of CEO to guide the school through the coming years of growth and facility expansion, while maintaining an outstanding record for financial accountability. “We hired Mr. Wood for his extensive experience in strategic planning and eye for vision,” said Spurlock.

UME Prep is a leading charter school in the Metroplex, with campuses in Duncanville and Dallas. They are ranked 98 percent for financial transparency and have received a rank Distinction in English, Language Arts, Reading and Social Studies, outperforming all 4 Academic Indexes.

UME Prep has taken the successful educational approach, University Method of Education, that has thrived in private schools throughout the country and made it tuition free for families.

UME has a waiting list of over 600 students and is ranked in the top 25% of charter schools in the state of Texas.

UME Preparatory Academy exists to produce college-and-work ready graduates who have a strong work ethic, firm grounding in core academic content, and major academic and vocational skills, and to offer parents, as their child's first and best teachers, time and training so that they will have enhanced opportunities to strengthen their families as they exercise greater influence over the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth of their children.

If you need more information or would like to request an interview, please contact Julie Nicholson at 817-366-0427.

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